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GALLINAS LANDS NOW OPEN FOR HOMESTEADING

Cedarvale, the New Town east of
Bianca

ON THE SANTA FE CENTRAL

Will Make Available for Homesteaders
Large Tract of Land in Southeastern
Torrance County

The Gallinas mountain section of the Estancia Valley, noted throughout this section of the territory for its rich soil and abundance of grass—the real paradise of the sheepmen—is to be made available to homestead entry by the opening of the new town of Cedarvale, situated in the midst of a broad level country between Willard and Torrance, on the Santa Fe Central railroad.

The promoters of the new town are W. M. Taylor, S. Wolfe and E. L. Smith of Willard. Temporary accommodations in the way of railroad facilities have been provided by the Santa Fe Central and a depot and siding will be constructed as soon as possible. A commodious real estate office is being built this week by the townsites company, and a general store will be opened as soon as a building can be constructed for its occupancy. The townsites company will provide a public well as a temporary aid to settlers, and before many months the level stretch of prairie and timbered land extending from the mountains to the Pinos Wells breaks north, will be dotted with the claim houses of homesteaders.

The Gallinas mountain country has been gradually settling for several months. The one drawback has been lack of adequate facilities for the homesteader, there being no store closer than 25 miles away. Although traversed by a railroad, there has been no town of sufficient importance to maintain a store closer than Willard. The Santa Fe Central map shows two stations between Willard and Torrance—Progreso and Bianca—but they are merely sidings to afford places for trains to pass each other, and located without regard to their convenience to farming lands. The new town is five miles east of Bianca siding, and is in the center of an expanse of chocolate loam country embracing about 500 claims. The land is all surveyed, and open to homestead entry.

Cedarvale will command a trade territory occupied by ranchmen and homesteaders, some 40 miles east and west, and an equal distance north and south. It will doubtless be the shipping point for lumber for Byrd's Mill in the Gallinas mountains. One of Byrd's Mills, now operating in the Manzano mountains, will be moved to the Gallinas to work up a large tract of timber recently acquired. Pinos Wells, an inland Mexican town, which now procures its supplies from Willard, will find a trading point at Cedarvale, eight miles distant—25 miles closer than any other town.

There is no gyp land in the Gallinas mountain country, the soil being composed mostly of an alluvial deposit from the mountains. The snow and rainfall in the Gallinas mountain country is always abundant, as evidenced by the excellent grass, the entire country having sufficient pasturage in spite of the depredations of the sheep herds for generations past to support a large number of stock on any quarter section. The grass is gramma and mesquite, the latter being very luxuriant in Mesquite valley, which is about three and one-half miles wide and extends from the foothills in the mountains to the Santa Fe Central four miles above the townsites. The gramma grass is found in Buffalo Draw, another but smaller valley and everywhere upon the level prairie lands.

Cedarvale is so named because of the proximity of the cedar belt which ex-

Benefit Estancia Brass Band

The play "Among the Breakers" which was given on last Tuesday night by the local young people, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church, was well rendered to a good sized and appreciative audience, the W. O. W. hall being comfortably filled. The ladies netted a neat sum, which will be used toward paying for the chairs, recently purchased by them.

The play will be repeated on Saturday (tomorrow night) for the benefit of the young men who are contemplating the organization of the Estancia Brass Band. The prices are very reasonable and it is hoped that all interested in assisting and encouraging the young men of Estancia will turn out and help along a good cause.

Bill to Double Size of Dry Farmers' Claim

Washington April 1.—The senate today discussed the provisions of a bill to permit the entry of 320 acres of non-mineral, non-irrigable land under the homestead laws. Senator Gallinger questioned the wisdom of allowing one entryman to have so much land. Senator Borah amended the bill, making it apply only to "arid land," and Senator Carter offered a further amendment requiring the secretary to certify that the land so disposed of can not be irrigated because of the absence of available water. Mr. Smoot explained the methods of "dry" farming applied to this class of land, and declared that considering the results to be secured the amount of land referred to in the bill was equal to not more than 160 acres of land to be settled under the homestead act.

Under objections the final disposition of the bill was continued.

Odd Fellows Anniversary.

The local lodge, I. O. O. F., will give a program at the Methodist church on Monday evening, April 27th. Sunday the 26th is the 89th Anniversary of Odd-fellowship in America, and the program will be an Anniversary affair. We expect to be able to publish the program shortly.

School Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Estancia on Monday April 6th, for the purpose of choosing one director for a term of two years, one director for a term of three years, and for the further purpose of voting on the issuance of bonds for the erection of a school building.

By order of the Board of Directors

Completes Surveys

United States Deputy Surveyor Duval completed the survey of township 6 north, range 7 east, returning to Estancia this morning. This is the township lying west of the one in which Estancia is located. This completes Mr. Duval's work in this immediate vicinity.

Practically every claim in the two townships which Mr. Duval has just surveyed, is taken under squatter's rights, and the people are anxiously awaiting the time when the survey will have been approved and open for filing. Tends from the mountains to a point within three-quarters of a mile of the townsites. Cedar posts and fuel timber are available within from one to six miles from any of the lands open to entry.

Excellent water is found in this section at varying depths, from known thirty-feet to possibly 200 feet. The opening of this section will doubtless add many thousands souls to Torrance county's population, and result in a thriving new trade center on the Santa Fe Central.

ASST SUP'T SANCHEZ WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Torrance County Teachers' Association and Estancia Citizens to
Hear Able Orator at Baptist Church

The Torrance County Teachers Association will hold its last meeting for this year at the Baptist Church, commencing tonight, and continuing over tomorrow. It was hoped and promised that Territorial Superintendent J. W. Clark, of Santa Fe would be present and address the association and citizens tonight but this has been found impracticable owing to pressing duties on the part of superintendent. Word has been received that Assistant Superintendent Sanchez will be present in the place of Mr. Clark. Mr. Sanchez is one of the best trained educators of the territory and has the reputation of being a fluent and interesting speaker, and those of our people who miss hearing him will miss a treat indeed.

The program as prepared by the committee embraces topics of interest, not only to the teachers of the county, but to the patrons as well, and it is urged that all who possibly can, will attend the session on Saturday, as well as tonight, and show their interest in the public schools of the county, wherein is the hope of the future of the great Estancia Valley. Superintendent Clark has complimented Torrance county very highly on the high class of its teachers as shown by the examination papers forwarded to him, which he claims "are among the best of the territory." With such a high grade of teachers in

charge of our schools, it only remains for the patrons to take the interest they should, to bring our schools to the first rank in the territory.

The following is the program of tonight's exercise:

Music..... Orchestra
Male Quartet
Song, Beautiful Beckoning Hands.....
..... Four little Girls.
Recitation, Bachelor Sale.....
..... Delphine Souders
Recitation, The Bottom Drawer.....
..... Bessie Atkinson
Duet, My Mother's Bible.....
..... Edith Atkinson and Ruth Lewis
The Quaker Courtship.....
..... Christopher Moore and Eura Tuttle
Recitation, Nobody's Child.....
..... Edith Atkinson
Recitation, "Pillar" Fights.....
..... James Cochrane
Recitation, An Angel in a Saloon.....
..... Myrtle Weaver
Solo and Chorus, Little Baby's Gone to Sleep.....
..... Four Little Girls
Recitation, Popping Corn.....
..... Irene Miller
Song, A Cure for Deafness.....
..... Delphine Souders and Virgil Weaver
Meat Market
Address by Hon. J. G. Sanchez, Ass't Sup't.

Attorney General Decides Polltax Payer is not Qualified Voter

Circular Letter to County Superintendents and School Directors concerning qualifications of voters at District Elections
Messrs:—

In my circular dated March 12, 1908, concerning Election of School Directors, I stated that "A Man Who Pays a Poll Tax is a Tax Payer" in the meaning of Sec. 1532, C. L. 97. My statement was based upon an opinion given this office in 1906.

Within the past few days we have received an opinion which should be your guide in this question. All judges of election April 6, 1908, will note that a voter in district elections must have the following qualifications:—

- 1 Must be a legal voter in the precinct.
- 2 Must be a resident of the district.
- 3 Must own property subject to taxation within the district.

(A man who pays poll tax only is not eligible to vote for school directors in district election)

The opinion of the Attorney General follows.

Respectfully,
Signed J. E. Clark,
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Department of Education,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
March 31, 1908.
Copy.

March 19, 1908.
Mr. J. E. Clark,
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Santa Fe, N. M.

Dear Sir:—

I have your inquiry of March 12th relative to the qualification for voters at school elections. In my judgment the word "paying taxes" mean to cover only persons who own some property in

the district subject to taxation whether they pay it or not. A poll tax receipt would not entitle a party to vote. Poll taxes are a different method of raising money from an ad valorem tax on property as is contemplated by this sta-

tute, and to allow people to vote on payment simply of poll taxes would render the statute useless, because every person pays poll taxes, and therefore would be allowed to vote. Furthermore, school directors have a right to levy a tax for the support of schools, and the intention of this law in my judgment was to give the right to select these directors only to those persons who had to bear the expenses of the schools.

Yours truly,
Signed James M. Harvey,
Attorney General.
N. B.

A person to be eligible to the office of school directors:—

- 1 Must be a legal voter in the precinct.
- 2 Must be able to read and write well enough to keep his own record in either the English or Spanish language.
- 3 Must have accounted for all public money of this Territory coming into his hands by reason of having held public office, if any, and paid the same into the treasury.

- 4 Must be a resident of school district (To the County Superintendent, Because of delay at the Department of Interior.

Washington, D. C., in the matter of approval of land leases, only a small amount of money is in the Territorial Treasury to the credit of the Common School Income Fund, therefore no apportionment will be made for a few weeks.

Signed J. E. Clark,
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Brother dies at Las Vegas.

Mrs. L. A. Bond received word this morning of the death of her older brother, Bernardo Romero at Las Vegas. Mr. Romero leaves two children, a boy and a girl, aged 20 and 17 years respectively, his wife having died something over a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Bond left on the noon train to attend the funeral.

Play April Fool on their Friends

Two of Estancias young people, Chas. B. Howell and Miss Katherine Fielder, stole a march on their many friends last Wednesday night, when just after prayer meeting they were united in marriage by Rev. D. B. Jackson, pastor of the Baptist church here. Both have been active workers in the Baptist church since they have been in Estancia, and have many friends who wish them much felicity throughout life. The moral which Charley is trying to teach his friends is that they should attend the prayer meetings regularly. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Howell will make their home with Mr. Howell's mother.

Amount of Wheat to Sow per Acre.

Formerly the practice among arid farmers was to sow from 1½ to two bushels of seed wheat to the acre but as experience has accumulated along these lines it has been found advisable to reduce this amount considerably. The question as to the amount of seed to sow depends very largely on the variety and also on the amount of moisture present in the soil at the time of seeding. There is great variation in the number of kernels in an ounce of wheat and also in the amount of rainfall. In places where the precipitation is very light from ten to twenty kernels an ounce more are produced than the same variety grown by a rainfall from two to three inches greater. From these results it would appear that any suggestion as to the exact amount of seed to sow in any locality would be misleading.

Seeding at the rate of two pecks of wheat produced on an arid farm would probably mean as many kernels to the acre as would seeding at the rate of three pecks on another farm. This fact holds good both for spring and fall varieties. However, the general practice has shown that from one-half to one bushel an acre on an average gives better results than when more seed is used. After a summer fallow there is usually ample moisture in the soil which will if the seed bed has been properly prepared be sufficient to properly germinate one-half bushel of seed and this will furnish a sufficient number of plants to stand out for a sufficiently thick stand of wheat. However, the general practice of many successful farmers is in favor of seeding wheat at the rate of three pecks to the acre.

It occasionally happens that the soil is loose and open or the season is too far advanced before seeding time for the most favorable condition for the standing out of the wheat and in these instances a larger amount of seed may be necessary. Every farmer must study his own individual conditions and from an intimate knowledge of his soil, the variety of seed used, keeping in mind the practice of his successful neighbors, determine for himself the amount of seed to use. There are a few arid farmers who still sow their seed broadcast but press drills have come into almost universal use and a drill is considered as essential in arid farming operations as a plow.

With a drill the seed can be placed more evenly in depth and the depth to which the seed is sown can be regulated according to will. If the land has been properly prepared a dry dusty mulch should cover the surface from three to six inches in depth. In this case the seed should be sown down below the mulch and placed in the moist soil. The young plants can come up through several inches of loose earth and if the seed is sown deep the roots enter at once into the moist soil. A press drill is very essential on every arid farm because it presses the light open soil around the seed, causing quicker germination and prevents the wind from carrying the soil away.

—Field & Farm

Mr. Burns and son of Columbus, Ohio were in the valley this week looking around for locations and investments. They will probably locate here.

MAKE RICH STRIKE IN GOLD MINES

After Winter of Hardship in High
Altitude

IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

Refuse Double the Price of Lease on
Claims, besides Opening new Pros-
pects which Promise a Fortune

E. C. Sterling and Will Reed returned on Tuesday afternoon from their mining expedition, having spent the winter months about twenty miles from Tres Piedras in the northern part of the territory. They had taken lease and bond on four claims for \$15,000, and have an offer of \$30,000 for these, which would leave them a net profit of \$15,000 for their winter's work. They have not accepted this, but are holding for \$35,000.

They took up three other claims in the same vicinity, on which they did the assessment work. Assays on these run from \$10 to \$25 per ton, and they are confident that in these they have a fortune, which will increase as they push the work. They expect to spend the summer on their claims here, and return next winter to work the mining claims again.

They have been working at an altitude of 10,200 feet, amid snow and cold gales. A few months ago, Mr. Sterling became lost while returning home, and spent the night in a snow drift. He suffered intense agony, freezing his hands, and almost losing his life as a result of the exposure. As it is he has only one thumb nail left, the fingers and other thumb having been so completely frozen that all the nails are gone. He deserves to strike it rich to repay him for his terrible suffering.

Special Train to Willard.

Agent Kennedy is making arrangements to secure a special train to Willard for Sunday, April 12th. The rate will be 55 cents for the round trip, if enough tickets are sold to guarantee the securing of the special. All who contemplate going should see Kennedy at once, so that the train can be ordered in time to secure good accommodations.

Willard 14 Leaders 8

Last Sunday the Willard Baseball Team came up from the Hub City and proceeded to show the Estancia Leaders how to play ball. The Estancia boys had not so much as played a practice game together, and succeeded in holding the Willardites down to a score of 14 to 8.

Next Sunday the Santa Fe Centrals of Estancia will cross bats with the Estancia Leaders, the Centrals promising to duplicate the score of the Willard boys or do better. The line-up will be as follows:

Centrals		Leaders
Mayne	catcher	Endicott
Whirlor	pitcher	Sheprod
Lippard	1st base	E. Scott
Woods	2nd base	L. Scott
Smith	3rd base	Terry
Booth	short stop	Goodnight
Kennedy	center field	Pettus
Moulton	left field	Dibert
Walkup	right field	Peterson

Keyser-Ormsby

On Wednesday afternoon, Justice R. J. Nisbett was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony for Walter Ormsby and Miss Carrie Keyser, both of Willard. Both parties came to Willard from Illinois, having recently located in the Sunshine Territory.

D. R. Flesher returned from Encino Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Wilbur of the real estate firm of Wilbur & Marques of Encino was a passenger north today.